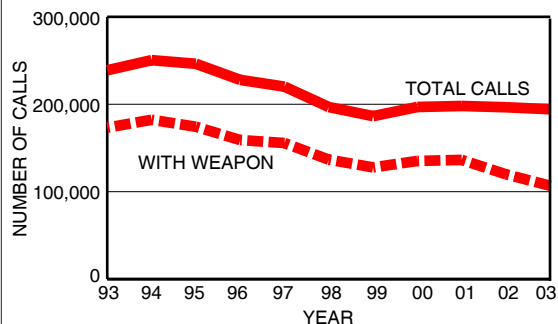




# Review of Domestic Violence Statistics

Domestic violence-related data can be found in three data bases maintained by the Criminal Justice Statistics Center (CJSC). The following data were extracted from the Domestic Violence-Related Calls for Assistance file, the Monthly Arrest and Citation Register, and the Homicide file. While they each touch on an area of domestic violence, the total domestic violence picture is not represented and should not be implied from the limited scope of the CJSC data.

## Domestic Violence-related Calls for Assistance, 1993-2003



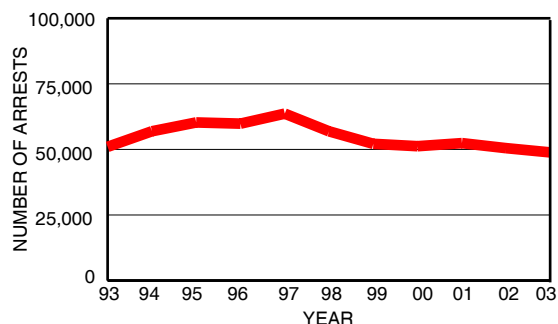
Source: Table 1.

Comparing 1993 to 2003:

- The number of domestic violence-related calls for assistance decreased 18.7 percent (238,895 to 194,288).
- The number of calls involving a weapon decreased 38.4 percent (173,260 to 106,731).

## Arrests for Selected Domestic Violence Offenses, 1993-2003

### SPOUSAL ABUSE (273.5 PC)



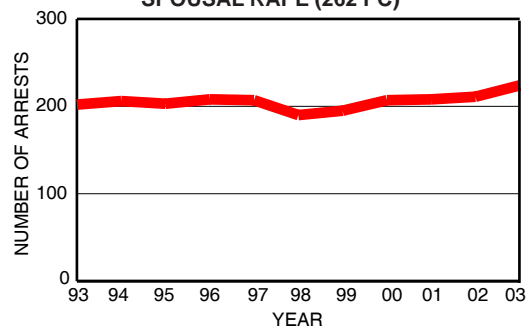
Source: Table 2.

Comparing 1993 to 2003:

- The number of arrests for 273.5 PC decreased 4.2 percent (50,982 to 48,854).

Prior to 1986, when the law was changed to acknowledge domestic violence incidents as criminal conduct, arrests for 273.5 PC accounted for approximately 5 percent of the total assault arrests. In 2003, arrests for 273.5 PC accounted for 45 percent of the arrests. (See Table 2.)

### SPOUSAL RAPE (262 PC)

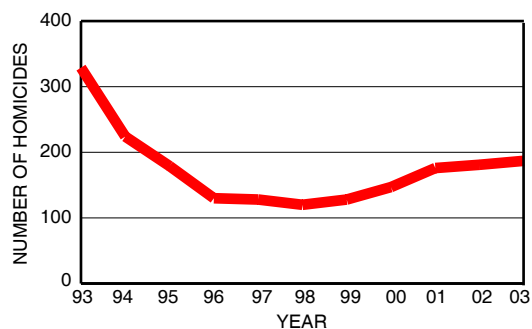


Source: Table 2.

Comparing 1993 to 2003:

- The number of arrests for 262 PC increased 10.9 percent (202 to 224).

## Domestic Violence Homicides, 1993-2003



Source: Table 3.

Comparing 1993 to 2003:

- The number of domestic violence homicides decreased 43.2 percent (329 to 187).
- The majority of the victims are female (81 percent in 2003) and the type of weapon most often used is a handgun (52 percent in 2003).